

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 17, 20, and 22, and add Claims 25-27, to read as follows (a marked-up version of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached).

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- a scanner to scan the recording means in forward scanning and backward scanning directions, wherein said scanner scans along an arrangement direction of the plurality of nozzles;
- a controller to control a movement of a recording head in the forward scanning and the backward scanning directions; and
- a print controller to control the printing by means of said plurality of nozzles,

wherein said printing is executed by applying plural ink materials for each pixel area to form a primary or secondary color thereon, said pixel area being a unit area,

wherein, as to the pixel area forming the secondary color thereon, dots of the secondary color are formed, in ink materials of plural colors, at plural positions on the pixel area to form the secondary color, and

said ink materials of plural colors are applied with their application order symmetric regarding said dots of the secondary color to be formed at the plural positions on the pixel area.

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17. (Twice Amended) A print apparatus which forms a color image by applying ink materials of plural colors onto a print medium using a recording means having a plurality of nozzles to eject ink materials, said apparatus comprising,

- a scanner to scan the recording means in forward scanning and backward scanning directions, wherein said scanner scans along an arrangement direction of the plurality of nozzles;
- a controller to control a movement of a recording head in the forward scanning and the backward scanning directions; and
- a print controller to control the printing by applying plural ink materials for each pixel area to form a color thereon, said pixel area being a unit area, wherein said print controller applies said ink materials of plural different colors with their application order symmetric to form a process color so as to form plural dots, in ink materials of plural colors, at the plural positions on said pixel area.

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20. (Twice Amended) A print method which forms a color image by applying ink materials of plural colors onto a print medium using a recording means having a plurality of nozzles to eject ink materials, said method comprising the following steps:

- scanning the recording means in forward scanning and backward scanning directions, wherein the scanning is performed along an arrangement direction of the plurality of nozzles;
- controlling a movement of a recording head in the forward scanning and the backward scanning directions; and
- controlling the printing by means of the plurality of nozzles, wherein, in said printing control step, the printing is executed by applying plural ink materials for each pixel area to form a primary or secondary color

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thereon, the pixel area being a unit area,

wherein, as to the pixel area forming the secondary color thereon, dots of the secondary color are formed, in ink materials of plural colors, at plural positions on the pixel area to form the secondary color, and

the ink materials of plural colors are applied with their application order symmetric regarding the dots of the secondary color to be formed at the plural positions on the pixel area.

~~15~~ 22. (Twice Amended) A print method which forms a color image by applying ink materials of plural colors onto a print medium using a recording means having a plurality of nozzles to eject ink materials, said method comprising the following steps:

scanning the recording means in forward scanning and backward scanning directions, wherein the scanning is performed along an arrangement direction of the plurality of nozzles;

controlling a movement of a recording head in the forward scanning and the backward scanning directions; and

controlling the printing by applying plural ink materials for each pixel area to form a color thereon, said pixel area being a unit area,

wherein, in said printing control step, the print controller applies the ink materials of plural different colors with their application order symmetric to form a process color so as to form plural dots, in ink materials of plural colors, at the plural positions on the pixel area.

~~15~~ 25. (New) A print apparatus which forms a color image by applying ink materials of plural colors onto a print medium, using a recording means

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having a plurality of nozzles to eject ink materials, said apparatus comprising:

a scanner to scan the recording means in forward scanning and backward scanning directions, wherein said scanner scans along an arrangement direction of the plurality of nozzles;

a controller to control a movement of a recording head in the forward scanning and the backward scanning directions;

a print controller to control the printing by means of said plurality of nozzles,

wherein said printing is executed by applying plural ink materials for each pixel area to form a primary or secondary color thereon, said pixel area being a unit area,

wherein, as to the pixel area forming the secondary color thereon, dots of the secondary color are formed, in ink materials of plural colors, at plural positions on the pixel area to form the secondary color, and

said ink materials of plural colors are applied with their application order symmetric regarding said dots of the secondary color to be formed at the plural positions on the pixel area; and

a data buffer configuration to configure image data to be printed by said print controller.

26. (New) A data buffer configuration of a print apparatus, said configuration comprising image data of a certain color written into a plurality of print buffers by a print controller, wherein the print controller controls a printing of an image by means of a plurality of nozzles,

wherein said printing is executed by applying plural ink materials for